



The Southwest Waterfront Becomes “The Wharf” Once Again

By Glenn Favreau

It was a stroke of simple genius. A few words from Eleanor Holmes Norton and the Southwest Waterfront redevelopment project got its name, according to Monty Hoffman of PN Hoffman, partner in Hoffman-Madison Waterfront (HMW).

“For months, we had professional marketers and branders working on presentations, analysis and focus groups for various names that they had come up with for the Waterfront, and Congresswoman Holmes Norton just said, ‘Well, it’s The Wharf,’ and I thought, that’s what it is,” said Hoffman.

Holmes Norton, the District’s delegate in Congress, was at the Sept. 2010 Community Forum on the Waterfront at the Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater. During the forum, she simply stated that, as a child, she had always called it the Wharf, just like her family had for the many generations that they have lived and worked in Washington.

In fact, the Sixth Street Wharf, as it was known in the time of the Civil War, began docking steamboats as early as 1815. Great steamboat companies were born and continued to use the Wharf until the 1950s. Memorable names include Elbridge Smith, who lived at 311 14th Street, SW and established the Choptank Steamboat Line in 1882 and the Normet family, whose Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Line was headquartered in The Waterfront Carillon Tower. Lumber, coal, ice, seafood, and many other types of freight arrived at The Wharf, creating the bustling port filled with markets and other freight- and transportation-related industries. Many Southwest families provided the labor that kept The Wharf going. They are the real legacy of Southwest, having built it with their toils and the sweat of their brows.

The new Wharf will stand in tribute to them all.

Hoffman told *The Southwester* that the new-old name is appropriate due to its historical meaning. But it also is a hall-



Construction sites along Water Street, SW are already bearing the area’s new name, “The Wharf.” Photo by Tiffany Klaff.

mark of what the area is to be. “It will not be a faceless federal enclave. It will not be high-brow and exclusive. It will not be so orchestrated and overbearing,” he said. To describe The Wharf, Hoffman used adjectives like fresh, busy, active, constantly

changing, bustling, and alive.

As the project develops and the first shovels hit the ground as early as next year, The Wharf is already being true to its namesake, with life being breathed into it once again.

DDOT Considers Ending Southwest Circulator Route, Adding More Capitol Bikeshare Stations in Neighborhood

By Erin Fitzgerald

As of April 1, the D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT) made slight changes to the times and routes of all Circulator lines affecting Southwest and the Capitol Riverfront. The SW Waterfront-Convention Center route has been shifted slightly to account for construction at the new Southwest Wharf. Two stops formerly located on Water Street have been moved to Maine Avenue at Seventh Street and Maine Avenue at Ninth Street. The Smithsonian-National Gallery of Art route has ended due to lack of use. The Union Station-Navy Yard route has begun extended hours. The route will now operate Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Sept. 30. In addition, during Nationals home games this route will continue later in the evening and on Sundays.

Those specific hours can be found at www.dccirculator.com under the “where we go” heading.

In addition, DDOT released a Draft Final Report regarding its 10-year development plan. DDOT is now finalizing the plan for submission to the D.C. Council. In the plan DDOT recommends the elimination of the Convention Center-Southwest Waterfront route and suggests reinstituting the route after the Circulator service at the National Mall is established and development along the Waterfront increases.

According to the plan, the department’s research found that the route “significantly duplicates” the Yellow and Green Metro lines between L’Enfant Plaza and Mount Vernon Square/Convention Center. In eliminating this route DDOT predicts a savings of 6 vehicles and \$2.7 million in annual operating costs.

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Amidon-Bowen Library to Receive Makeover

By Meg Brinckman

The Heart of America Foundation®, through the Target School Library Makeover program, has selected Amidon-Bowen Elementary as one of five public elementary schools in Washington D.C. to receive a full library makeover. A formal announcement of all the selected schools will be made in May 2011. Work is expected to begin this summer.

Founded in 1997, The Heart of America Foundation® is a national nonprofit headquartered in Washington D.C. that promotes volunteer service and literacy. The Foundation’s programs, Books From The Heart® and READesign®, revitalize school libraries and reading spaces into vital and vibrant centers of learning that become the heart of a school.

Since 1962, Target has also pledged \$500 million by the end of 2015 to support education and help kids learn to read. This will be the largest gift in the company’s history, bringing their legacy of giving to education to \$1 billion. Target will be making a contribution to the Amidon-Bowen project as part of their large national commitment. The amount has not yet been announced.

A significant portion of this giving will fund programs and partnerships that help more U.S. children reach a critical milestone on the path to graduation: reading proficiently by the end of third grade. Target’s generous gift supports Amidon-Bowen Elementary’s effort to provide the best early childhood education to the children of Southwest.

Local Government and Organizations

ANC 6D Monthly Meeting: *As Seen from the Pew*

By Tiffany Klaff

In an effort to be more inclusive of the different areas that make up ANC 6D, this month's meeting was held at the Courtyard by Marriot in Southeast.

Representatives from both the Washington Waterfront Association and developer Hoffman Madison Marquette presented the next phase of the Southwest Waterfront interim use programming to begin on June 2. Events will include a Thursday-evening farmer's market, Friday-evening community-focused music, Saturday-morning yoga, and a Sunday-afternoon BBQ.

Next, Commissioner Garber introduced a resolution in support of a comprehensive traffic impact study and plan for the M Street SE/SW corridor and its feeder and surrounding-neighborhood streets (including Maine Avenue SW). As a primary commercial corridor that has emerged over the past 5 to 10 years, it is surprising how little the street has changed with regard to speed limits, traffic patterns, and traffic lights. The commission voted unanimously in favor

of the resolution, which is aims to decrease the speed and volume of automobile traffic while increasing walkability and pedestrian safety.

Garber also brought a motion before the commission to support the historic landmark application for 1024 First St., SE. The historic Market Deli, on the corner of First and L streets, was built in 1885. The application is scheduled to be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Review Board in April. The building is one of the oldest remaining in the neighborhood. Garber reported much vocal support from neighborhood residents as well as some opposition to landmarking the site. Several residents opposed to the landmarking voiced their concerns, the main reason being a potential threat to increased

development thus stunting the market value of purchased property. A representative from the developer Akridge also expressed opposition and offered to provide the ANC with additional information to support its position. The ANC vote: 5 in favor, 0 against, and 2 abstentions.

A representative from developer Forest City Washington presented a text amendment and asked the ANC for support to reside in the Lumbershed Building in Yards Park. The developer noted it was receiving some interest from restaurants to rent the first floor of the building. However, to secure financing and jumpstart the project, the developer proposed moving its office

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CBCC Looking for Part-Time Consultant

In order to further the work of the Near SE-SW Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC) a part-time consultant is now being sought. The job description includes research and strategic planning as well as support for internal organizational development. Persons interested in receiving the job description should contact Ruth Hamilton, Chair, at 202-641-8221 or nearsw-communitybenefits@gmail.com.

Next SWNA Community Meeting May 23

The newly elected SWNA Board canceled its April 25th community meeting in an effort to allow board members more time to plan the upcoming May 23rd meeting, which will take place at Arena Stage from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Correction

In the April edition of *The Southwester* the author of "Waterfront Safeway: A Gathering Place for Everyone" was incorrectly identified. That story was written by Floyd Nelson. *The Southwester* regrets this error.

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APRIL

WED. 27 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.: "Viewing and Voicing" film and discussion program highlighting Emancipation Day, with Michael Mack. Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

THURS. 28 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.: Public Meeting for South Capitol Street Project Final Environmental Impact Statement, Savoy Elementary School, 2400 Shannon Pl., SE. RVSP to Joseph Dorsey at 202-543-1231, ext. 171 or joseph.dorsey@dc.gov or Tracee Strum-Gilliam at 202-550-6373 or strum@pbworld.com.

SAT. 30 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Tiber Island Spring Yard Sale, East Tower Building, 1245 Fourth St., SW

1 p.m. Kitchen Table Book Group, discussion of *Black Boy* by Richard Wright, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

1 p.m.-3 p.m.: Thinking About Jazz at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW, free and open to the public.

MAY

SUN. 1 11 a.m.-6 p.m.: Marctus creative art market with live music, The Yards Park, 10 Water St., SE, free and open to the public

3:30 p.m.: The Carron Baptist Church choir and pianist present Post-Easter Cantata with Easter scenes set to music, 1354 First St., SW. Donations accepted to raise funds for the Leroy Waldo Choral Ensemble

3:30 p.m.: Ushers Annual Day at Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Ave., SW

WED. 4 7 p.m.: Art & Spirit Coffeehouse featuring Trois Amis concert "Moonlight" with Anna C. de Groot, pianist, Tom Wheeler, French Horn, and Katharyn Wheeler, soprano. Coffee and desserts followed by Q&A. Free, donations accepted for artists' honorarium. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

THURS. 5 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.: Councilmember Tommy Wells Office Hours, Channel Inn, 650 Water St., SW

FRI. 6 6:30 p.m.: Potluck, 7:00 p.m. Game Night. Bring a potluck dish to share. Board and card games provided, but feel free to bring your own games, too. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

MON. 9 7 p.m.: Advisory Neighborhood Commission Meeting (ANC6D), open to public, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

WED. 11 6:30 p.m.: Poetry/Open-Mic Night at Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

SAT. 14 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. & 8 p.m.-9:30 p.m.: The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington will hold its spring concert, *Crazy Little Thing Called Love*, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW. The performances will feature Potomac Fever. For tickets

and further information see www.gmcw.org

SUN. 15 9:30 a.m.: Thurgood Marshall Sunday Service followed by a luncheon. Free and open to the public. Contact Thelma Jones at tjones15@verizon.net or call (202) 488-3746. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

TUES. 17: 6:30 p.m. cocktails, 7:30 p.m. celebratory dinner honoring the legacy of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall Commemorating the Anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*. \$125.00 per ticket with proceeds from this event to support the St. Augustine's outreach activities. Tickets, sponsorship opportunities and further information, contact Elaine Graves, egraves@hers.com or 202-863-0256, or 202-246-0711. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

THURS. 19 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.: Southwest Ecodistrict Public Meeting, Waterfront Station, 1100 Fourth St., SW, 2nd floor conference room, photo I.D. required

7 p.m.: Police Service Area (PSA) 104 Monthly Community Meeting

SAT. 21 10 a.m.: CROP Hunger Walk. The SW DC faith community is organizing a 3-mile walk to raise funds to help fight hunger locally and around the world. Christ United Methodist Church, Fourth and I streets, SW. Contact Corinne Scott at 202-484-3575 or davicors@gmail.com

10 A.M.-3 p.m.: Friends of Southwest Library Spring Book Sale, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

SUN. 22 3:30 p.m.: Dakshina hosts its spring Sitar Concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW

3:30 p.m.: Officers Day at Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Ave., SW

SAT. 28 1 p.m.: Kitchen Table Book Group, discussion of *Dreams from My Father* by President Barak Obama, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth St. SW, every first and third Monday from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY EVENING FILMS, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, every Monday, 6:30 p.m. Experience a different cinematic treat every week. Call 202-724-4752 for movie titles. All ages.

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ADULTS, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, every Thursday, 10 a.m. Apr. 28: Microsoft Word, May 5: Microsoft Excel, May 12: Microsoft PowerPoint, May 19: Introduction to Computers, May 26: Introduction to the Internet

THE SOUTH WASHINGTON WEST OF THE RIVER FATHERHOOD PROGRAM, St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW, Tuesday and Thursday

evenings. For more information, call Alphonso Coles at (202) 870-1885.

SOUTHWEST SEWING GROUP, Mondays, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW. Contact Willie Mae Stukes, sewing teacher, at (301) 445-1792. Open to all interested in working on their own sewing projects and updating their hand and/or machine sewing skills. Mondays, except for July and August.

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA, Alcoholics Anonymous group, Mondays, 8:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW, (202) 554-3222.

SW FREEWAY NA, Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St. SW, (202) 484-7700.

AARP-SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT CHAPTER 4751, Third Wednesday of each month, 12 p.m. luncheon, except for June, July and August, River Park Mutual Homes community room, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Evelyn Dorsey, Dorseydear@aol.com or 202-488-9685.

HAND DANCING CLASSES, Jitter bug, lindy hop. Saturdays, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. Classes by Markus Smith of Swing Anatomy Dance. \$10/class for adults, \$5/class for children ages 8 – 17. Christ United Methodist community room off Wesley Pl., SW.

CHESS CLUB, SW Library main room, 900 Wesley Pl., Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. For all levels, even beginners.

BLUES MONDAYS, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Various blues musicians and singers featured each Monday, \$5. Food for sale, SW Westminster Presbyterian Church, 401 I St., SW, 202-484-7700.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS, 4 p.m. Seated yoga and healing sessions (Pamela Wilson and Riva Wine), 5:30 p.m. Laughter yoga (Claire Trivedi), 7 p.m. Sampoorna yoga (Alex Rosen). Free with donations welcome, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW, 202-484-7700.

JAZZ NIGHT in SW, Fridays, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Various jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday, \$5. Food for sale. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 401 I St., SW, 202-484-7700.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. First and third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade, and sell stamps. Refreshments, auctions, and programs. Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block I St., SW (202) 291-6229.

SOUTHWEST FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. 2011 topics are: Rebuild Haiti, U.S. National Security, Horn of Africa, Responding to Financial Crisis, Germany Ascendant, Sanctions and Non-Proliferation, the Caucasus, and Global Governance. Tuesdays in 2011: May 10, May 31 and Jun. 21. Meetings will take place at River Park Mutual Homes, 1311 Delaware Ave., SW. For information, to order the 8-topic study guide (\$20) and to reserve a space for 2011, contact Coralie Farlee at (202) 554-4407 or cfdc13@yahoo.com.

Please submit calendar items for June events by email to thesouthwester@yahoo.com by May 16, 2011.

Local Government and Organizations

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Election Results

The Mar. 26 SWNA elections had one of the largest turnouts in recent memory with 332. Thanks to everyone who came out to vote.

Please welcome our new board members:

President: Kael Anderson

Vice President: Jodi McCarthy

Treasurer: Jo Chang

Secretary: Laura Shin

District 1 Representatives:

Gita Morris and Zev Feder

District 2 Representatives:

Saadia Athias and Ben Curran

District 3 Representatives: David Campbell and Kenneth Prater

District 4 Representatives: Robert Smith and Ken LaCruise



The new SWNA Board members with Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells at the Mar. 28 swearing-in ceremony. Photo by Perry Klein.



The new Friends of Southwest Board at their Annual Meeting Mar. 30. Front row: Emerson Melavan, Rodney Ross, Coralie Farlee, Ezra Naughton. Standing: Donald Flanders, Joyce Bouvier, CW Hargrave, Preston Amos. Missing: Keith Melder, Sheila Wood. Photo by Perry Klein.

Friends of Southwest DC Holds Annual Meeting, Achieves Synergy

By Coralie Farlee and Judith Farley

More than 25 grantees and donors attended the 2011 annual meeting of Friends of Southwest DC (FOS) reporting on the organization's activities for 2010.

The Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater, The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, the Southwest Comm-Unity Forum, the New Century Musical Arts Forum and EmmaUS received awards from FOS dur-

ing 2010 and reported how their awards were used in the SW neighborhood, as well as other activities of their organizations. A representative of The Pearl Coalition, which also received an award in 2010, was unable to attend. Keith Melder, FOS board member, described the special award to Arena Stage's "Voices of Now" program. Melder had initiated and raised funds for this one-time prize in memory of Margaret Feldman. The award garnered a total of \$6,500.

The common focus of the awards and activi-

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Opinion: Letter to the DC Council Regarding Waterfront Development

By Gene Solon

I, Southwest D.C. resident Gene Solon, believe the Hoffman-Madison team has the ability to make the Southwest waterfront one of the world's very best places to live and to visit. Some of the features of the new, changed project design are absolutely beautiful. But I have serious concerns about what I think are excesses in the proposed project design, and I agree with my neighbors that the closing of Water Street should be delayed in order for the residents of our waterfront community to have an adequate opportunity to learn whether that street-closing, combined with other important project features, will have a net positive or negative affect upon their lives.

Water Street, a "frontage road", now benefits Southwest community residents and businesses by providing parking space and safe, un-crowded passage for both vehicles and pedestrians – and, compared to the ever-increasing busyness of Maine Avenue, it's a welcoming space for people who arrive by car or bus – or on foot – to board cruise ships or to visit dining and entertainment venues.

The elimination of Water Street needs a rationale – not only for developers, but for community residents as well. Allowing proposed buildings to reach Maine Avenue provides more

apartment and office space, and more profit, for developers. Allowing piers to extend farther out into pretty channel waters also provides more profit for developers but it's an absolute irrational disaster for current waterside housing complex residents who will find their treasured upstream scene composed of water, bridges, monument and sky thoroughly destroyed.

It's rational for developers to change earlier plans for erecting some 9-story, 108-foot-high buildings to current plans for making all buildings 130 feet high – but the change ruins views for current community residents, crowds their promenade walking/jogging space, and congests their neighborhood roadways.

I implore you to arrange for comprehensive project information to be provided to the entire community before Water Street is closed – or pier length is extended, or 130-foot-high buildings are erected, or pedestrian-threatening traffic congestion occurs.

Letters to the Editors and opinion articles will be published intermittently in The Southwester. To submit an opinion piece for consideration contact thesouthwester@yahoo.com. Points of view and opinions are those of the author and do not represent the official opinion of The Southwester. All submissions are subject to editing per space constraints.

SWNA Youth Activities Task Force Holds Computer- for-Kids Computer Training Program Graduation

By Thelma Jones

The program's theme "Connecting Technology and the Global Society – One Youth at a Time" was aptly addressed by Guest Speaker Daryl Lucas, Manager of Performance, Surveys and Recognition, Human Resources Vice Presidency at the World Bank.

Unlike many graduations, the students were so attentive and enthused by the speaker's message that they regularly raised their hands, asked questions and gave comments on specific aspects of Lucas' speech. Undaunted by the children's enthusiasm, Lucas responded to their questions and engaged the students throughout his inspiring speech.

Presented by SWNA YATF Interim Chairperson and Instructors Gerald Brown and Craig Ferguson, six students were awarded certificates of completion for meeting the training program's graduation requirements of good attendance, participation and behavior. In addition, each student will be awarded a refurbished computer by the SWNA Technology Task Force.

Students are awarded the computers with the understanding that they will share what they've learned with members of their households. Graduates included Ronye Bellamy, Aaron Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Jada Miles, Terrence Walker and Kyrie Jenkins, who had perfect

attendance. While each student received a special goody bag, Computer Instructor Craig Ferguson was surprised and presented with a special certificate of appreciation for his years of dedicated and committed service as a volunteer to the program, as he will be relocating to Florida while continuing to be a part of the YATF. Ferguson had been with the program since 2008.

Other program participants included ANC6D Chair Ron McBee and SWNA President Kael Anderson who brought greetings on behalf of their respective organizations, including praising the students for their achievements and indicating their interest in being a part of similar YATF programs and activities in the future. In addition, Tania Brown was recognized as a graduate of the inaugural class in December 2007 where she enjoyed perfect attendance and have regularly attended and participated in the graduations.

Since the program's inception in October 2007, more than 50 students have completed the training which enrolls an average number of 6-8 students per class. Classes are held for one hour weekly for eight weeks at the King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

The graduation program was organized by YATF Program Coordinator Thelma Jones.



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Tommy Wells cuts the ribbon of the newly renamed Southwest Duck Pond at Sixth and I streets, SW. Just as Tommy cut the ribbon the signal was given to turn the fountains on for the season. Photo by Perry Klein.

Blotter

By John McGrath

Highlights of Monthly PSA 104 Monthly Meeting, Thursday, March 17, 2011

Sgt. Architzel (substituting for Lt. Nicholas Gallucci) reviewed recent crime statistics which show an increase in most categories, however, in most cases of robbery and assault with a deadly weapon, the cases are being closed quickly. In response to an audience question, Irv Gamza, PSA 104 Meeting coordinator, noted that crime is down along the 4th St. SW corridor since fall 2010. The more recent increases in crime are clustered east of 3rd St. SW. Sgt. Architzel also stated that an increase in marijuana sales in the O St. circle (300 O St. SW) is being given extra police attention.

Sgt. Robert Scherr, of the National Park Police, discussed the jurisdiction of the

National Park Police in SW including the Waterfront from the Titanic Memorial to the DC Police Marine Pier and the James Creek Marina. Patrols are conducted, arrests are made when warranted, and graffiti is reported and corrected. An audience member raised the point about graffiti “106” which has been on the front of the Titanic Memorial (under the inscription) for many months.

Michael Bonds, of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA), discussed the responsibilities of CSOSA for oversight of DC resident parolees and probationers. CSOSA staff work in close coordination with the police in each PSA. The number of individuals released to CSOSA supervision in 2010 was 2,353.

The next meeting will be held May 19, 2011 location to be announced later.

Math Fair to Be Held April 30 at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center

By Thelma Jones
















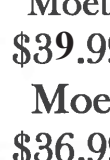



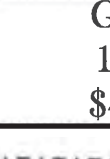




The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly’s Youth Activities Task Force is hosting its first ever Math Fair Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

Kia J. Harper, Dean of Students at ConneXions Community Leadership Academy in Baltimore, MD, and an avid math lover will be the guess speaker. A 1992 Meyerhoff Scholar, Harper currently teaches math, chemistry and physics at the Academy.

The Math Fair is free and open to Southwest and Near South-

east youth ages 7-12 and will include various activities and games centered on thinking, manual dexterity, and lots of fun.

To register for the fair or sign up as a volunteer, please email Thelma Jones at tjones15@verizon.net or call (202) 488-3746. Parents are welcomed to help ensure the success of the event.

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Special Events on the Southwest Wharf Begin June 2

By Tiffany Klaff

As the temperature rises, the Southwest Wharf readies to host to an array of exciting summertime events and programs. Starting Jun. 2 and running until Sept. 25, 7th Street Landing becomes home to a farmer's market, community-focused entertainment, free yoga and more.

The Neighborhood Restaurant Group and Virginia's Arcadia Farms will bring fresh greens and healthy prepared food to Southwest when they host a farmer's market every Thursday evening from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The market will feature a mobile green market, beer and wine sales from popular beer saloon Churchkey, baked goods from Buzz Bakery, and meats from Red Apron Butchery.

Westminster Presbyterian church will continue its Thursday night Jazz and Blues. Friday evenings will feature community-focused music from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. along with food and beverage concessions from King Rib and various DC food trucks. Saturday morning yoga starts at 10 a.m., and King Rib will feature a breakfast menu starting at the same time. King Rib will also be offering BBQ for lunch both

Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Furniture will be set up on the site and free WiFi available. The Washington Kastles also bring live tennis tournaments to the neighborhood in June on the site formerly occupied by Hogate's. The 2011 season will open with 21-time grand-slam tournament winner Venus

Williams on July 5. The home schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, July 5: Kansas City - w/Venus Williams
Thursday, July 7: Boston - w/Serena Williams
Tuesday, July 12: New York - vs. John McEnroe
Thursday, July 14: Springfield
Friday, July 15: St. Louis - vs. Anna Kournikova
Monday, July 18: Sacramento

Thursday, July 21: Philadelphia

The bikeshare system and six bike racks are already in place and bike valet will be offered for larger events. Hoffman-Madison Waterfront will focus event advertising on public transportation options to avoid parking difficulties in the neighborhood.

Development News

By William Rich

■ On April 7, the second **Pizza Autentica** in Southwest opened on the ground floor of **Capitol View**, an office building at 425 Third Street, SW. The new restaurant is open seven days a week (Monday - Friday from 7am-10pm and weekends from 11 a.m.-10 p.m.). In addition to pizza, stromboli, salads and paninis, the restaurant serves breakfast on weekdays and also has gelato.

■ The SEC will delay its move of 740 employees from offices in Virginia to **Constitution Center**. Part of the reason for the delay is the federal government has been operating under continuing resolutions, or CRs since the beginning of the fiscal year in October.

■ After receiving final approval from the U.S. Coast Guard at the end of March, **American River Taxi (ART)** has finally begun regular water taxi service. There are currently three stops on the route (The Gangplank Marina at The Wharf, Washington Harbor along the Georgetown waterfront, and Diamond Teague Park across from Nationals Park). Plans are in the works to add stops in Alexandria and National Harbor. Eventually, there will be other stops at Poplar Point and Reagan National Airport. Regular service will run from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday (with an 8 a.m. commuter run) and Saturday from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

■ The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency has begun the BRAC-mandated move of its employees from the windowless fenced-off building at 1st and M Street, SE to its \$1.7 billion new **Campus East** facility in Springfield. Long-term plans for the site are for new office space with ground-floor retail

■ Clark Construction Group, LLC won a national construction award for their work at **Arena Stage**. The Associated General Contractors of America presented the Aon Build America Award to Clark on March 23 in the category of Building Renovation at the group's annual convention.

■ DC Harbor Cruises' ticket booth has moved to a new kiosk built at 7th Street Landing and E Dock at the Gangplank Marina has been transformed to a commercial dock, allowing the cruise ship operator to leave on tours near their new kiosk. Also at 7th Street Landing, the kiosk formerly occupied by District Doghouse will now be used by the BBQ operation that was on the grounds of St. Augustine's Church.

■ Safeway has resumed its normal hours of operation, from 6 a.m. - 11 p.m., 7 days a week. Also, the patio area in front of the store is almost ready for use by patrons - landscaping has been

installed and fencing removed from the site.

■ Construction has begun at **Canal Park** along 2nd Street, SE from M to I Street, SE. The park is expected to be complete by next spring and will include water features, a café, sculptures, and green space.

■ In Mayor Gray's 2012 budget, there are plans to renovate the **Southwest Neighborhood Library**, located at 900 Wesley Pl., SW. As a part of the renovation, the library will become a LEED-Silver rated facility. The \$8.8 million renovation project will happen in phases and will be complete by 2017.

■ The Florida Rock concrete plant across from Nationals Park on Potomac Avenue, SE will be razed, but it will be moved a few blocks away to another Florida Rock Properties-owned site in Buzzard Point, located at S Street, SW and the Anacostia River. There is still no timetable on when redevelopment of the Florida Rock site will take place.

News from Southwest was adapted from the Southwest... The Little Quadrant That Could blog (www.southwestquadrant.blogspot.com) and Near SE news was adapted from the JD Land blog (www.jdland.com/dc).

Capitol Riverfront Summer Movie Series Announced

After soliciting votes from residents the Capitol Riverfront BID has selected a theme of "Oscar Winners" for their summer movie series. Movies will be shown outside at Tingey Plaza beginning at sundown, or around 8:45 p.m., on the dates below.

May 26 - Casablanca
June 2 - Raiders of the Lost Ark
June 9 - Dirty Dancing
June 16 - The Blind Side
June 23 - ET
June 30 - Shakespeare in Love
July 7 - The Social Network
July 14 - Breakfast at Tiffany's
July 21 - The Bourne Ultimatum
July 28 - West Side Story



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Men's Titanic Society Visits SW for Annual Ceremony



Shortly after midnight on Apr. 15, 18 men pulled up in a white bus. With solemn purpose, they lined up in front of the Titanic statue looking over the water. The group, known as the Men's Titanic Society, came dressed in tuxedos and brought with them a wreath of red flowers, which they placed in front of the statue. On this anniversary of the Titanic tragedy, each man spoke, in turn, a toast to the bravery of the men who gave their lives for others when the ship went down. This was the 33rd year the society held their ceremony.

Photo by UrbanTurf.com.

It was a great choice to start the New Year by getting your health back on track. You may have realized that it's probably been a few months since that very first day you were so sore you could barely move. It may seem that with each day that passes, somehow you can't seem to achieve (or maybe don't want to) that same level of soreness. That's because your body has slowly adapted to your training regimen. However, your continued effort is far from fruitless. Just because you are not sore or hardly sore doesn't mean you have not benefited from your workout. Just a little stress on the muscle can trigger growth. Use – not abuse – of the muscle tissue is by far the safest method of achieving continued muscular development with minimal risk of injury.

For many people, not being sore the next day or two can be very frustrating. While being very sore after a workout is a sure sign of muscular trauma with muscular development following

Results Without Being Sore

By Derrick Ingult



soon, little or no pain after a workout can still equate to results. The human body is an amazing machine capable of adapting to almost anything in your training regimen. Even though you pushed it out at the gym, a lack of soreness does not mean failure. It only means adaptation, and it's an early signal for you re-evaluate your routine.

Be sure to change your workout often. Hit each muscle at as many different angles as possible, and be sure to continually challenge yourself by staying away from the exercises that you are good at and sticking to what makes you sweat. Mentally, I realize this may be difficult, but the body cannot progress without a challenge. By

avoiding the comfort zone, you will certainly improve your fitness and muscular development even if you don't get sore.

Vary your repetitions. Your body has two different types of muscle fibers – fast twitch and slow twitch.

Fast twitch is geared for strength and size, while slow twitch is geared for endurance. If you go to the gym and only stick to short and heavy sets, you're only tapping about 50% of your physical potential because slow twitch fibers respond best with lighter weight and higher repetition counts. Try halving your usual weight and doubling the reps to hit the slow twitch muscle fibers best.

Work your muscles through their full range

of motion (ROM). More distance places an increased amount of stress on the muscle fiber thus increasing the amount of work performed. Not only does a full ROM workout increase strength, it also burns more calories.

Muscle confusion or "mixing it up" is a proven way to avoid a training plateau. If you're not up for hiring a personal trainer to get you out of your regular routine and into a new one, try getting a subscription to one or two magazines with athletes that look like how you want to look. Pictures can be very inspirational, and the advice in most major magazines will give you plenty of new ideas for just a few dollars. In your lifetime, you may not get to the same fitness level as some of the models depicted, but hey, anyone who knows how to get down to 2% body fat has to be doing something right!

For more advice, please visit my website: www.TrainWithDerrick.com

Social Media 101: Which Tools Are Right for You?

By Ray Schillinger

Everyone seems to be talking about social media these days. Maybe you already have a Facebook profile. But what's all this commotion about privacy settings? And what's Twitter? Should I be on LinkedIn? What is a content aggregator?

For the next few issues of "High Tech Southwest," I'll take on one social network at a time and break them down to the basics. That way, you'll be able to cut through all the noise and decide which are right for you.

This week we'll start with the network we've all heard about: **Facebook** (www.facebook.com).

With over half a billion users worldwide (and growing), Facebook has firmly established itself as the most popular social network in the world.

As you probably know, Facebook allows you to set up a free "profile," which you can then populate with your own information and content (photos, videos, etc). Once you've set up your profile, you can search for the names of anyone you might know and request to add them as a "friend." Once that person has added you, you'll receive an email notification along with access to their profile information and content.

Facebook is an easy way to keep in contact with friends or family across the world, and it can be a great tool for rediscovering long-lost acquaintances. You can also share and explore information about upcoming events, participate

in group discussions on nearly any topic imaginable, and communicate directly with others through private messages.

A word of caution: be careful with the information you choose to share with others. Although you can (and should) customize your privacy settings, remember that your friends can choose to re-post your content to their own profiles – which could easily be seen by far more people than you had originally intended. In addition, many employers and recruiters are now including Facebook in background searches for new job applicants.

Facebook is also a great tool for businesses, which can set up "Pages" and "Places" to represent their business online and attract Facebook "Fans." The robust Facebook ad system allows you to target your ads to specific demographics, which can be a major advantage over traditional print advertising.

Pros: Easy to use. "News feed" allows you to see recent content changes & updates from your friends.

Cons: Privacy options can be difficult to navigate.

Verdict? There's no real harm in having a basic profile on Facebook. But don't feel obligated to share any more than you feel comfortable sharing.

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DDOT

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As part of DDOT's 10-year Circulator plan there is a suggestion to create a new route that would connect DuPont Circle to the Southwest Waterfront. According to the plan's timelines, the route would be implemented between 2012 and 2015 once passed by the D.C. Council. This suggested route would link the two neighborhoods via Farragut Square, the National Mall, the Tidal Basin, and Maine Avenue.

In addition the plan suggests a revision of the Union Station-Navy Yard route to extend north to the NoMa neighborhood and south to Skyland (Alabama Avenue and Good Hope Road, SE), effectively connecting the Circulator service to the not-yet serviced east-of-the-river communities. The suggested route would connect the Florida and New York avenues intersection, Union Station, the Capitol Riverfront, Buzzard's Point, historic Anacostia, Skyland and St. Elizabeth's/Congress Heights.

DDOT's entire Circulator Transit Develop-

ment Plan can be viewed at www.dccirculator.com.

DDOT Plans to Add New Capital Bikeshare Docking Stations

DDOT announced April 20 the intended addition this summer of 25 Capital Bikeshare docking stations throughout DC and Arlington including five in Southwest and the Capitol Riverfront.

Capital Bikeshare — a bike-sharing program where users pay for a day, month, or year to pick bikes up at one docking station and drop them off at a docking station near their destination — currently has four docking stations in Southwest and the Capitol Riverfront. Those are located at Water and Seventh streets SW; Fourth and M streets SW; First and N streets SE; and New Jersey Avenue and M Street SE.

New docking stations are planned for Fourth and E streets SW, Fourth and C streets SW; Fourth Street and Independence Avenue SW; M and Half streets SE; and Tingey and Third streets SE (Yards Park).

ANC

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from its downtown location to the second floor. The concrete structure, situated in the middle of the park, is still an open-air building formerly used to dry lumber. Recognizing the unique situation of a privately held building surrounded by a publicly held park, the architect for the plan addressed the obvious drawbacks including how the office would affect the recreational park visitors' experiences. The ANC passed the motion with a restriction that Forest City must provide an on-site visual marker noting the history and significance of the Lumbershed building.

The next topic is one that will likely be discussed further over the next few months: DDOT's recommended changes to the DC

Circulator routes affecting our area. Due to low ridership and funding issues, DDOT is considering suspending the Mt. Vernon-SW Waterfront line. Both the commissioners and residents voiced concern, including that suspending the route will impede access to the upcoming events on the Waterfront. Another concern was for how the suspension may have a negative effect on the many elderly and disabled residents in our area who use that bus route regularly.

To keep on top of neighborhood issues or voice your concerns about the changes happening in the neighborhood, the ANC monthly meeting is the place to be. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 9, at 7 p.m. St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St., SW.

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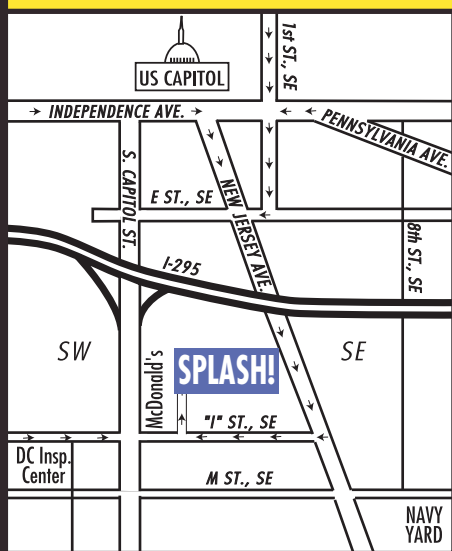
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Arts and Entertainment

Arena Stage Production of *Ruined*

By Sheila Wickowski

Once again, Arena Stage tackles the big issues on the front page of the daily paper with its production of Resident Playwright Lynn Nottage's riveting play *Ruined*, winner of the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

The civil war raging in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, with its unspeakable violence against women through rape, torture, kidnappings and death, is told through the voices of women who have suffered through these tragedies and endured.

In part inspired by Bertolt Brecht's *Mother Courage and Her Children*, Nottage created Mama Nadi. As the shrewd owner of a bar that caters to customers on both sides of the conflict, Mama Nadi walks the path between profiteering from the war and protecting women who are victims.

Nottage traveled to Uganda to interview Congolese women in refugee camps. Like the Ugandan hotelier in the movie *Hotel Rwanda* and Liberian market women in the documentary *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*, *Ruined* tells of the hopelessness and hopefulness of real people in a struggle for survival and safety in the midst of endless horrors.

Ruined, however, is far more than a one-evening event at the theater.

The Humanities Council of Washington D.C. has selected *Ruined* for this spring's "Live to Read: D.C.'s Citywide Celebration of Literature." More than two hundred 11th graders across D.C. are reading the play, and many of them will see the production at Arena Stage. Events for adults that include film screenings, lectures, poetry workshops and a community art show are planned in conjunction with the show. For more information on "Live to Read," visit www.wdchumanities.org.

The Southwest Neighborhood Library will host two events related to the play. On Sat., May 14 at 2:00 p.m., the library will present a discussion of *Ruined*. A film screening of *The Greatest Silence*, a documentary about the war in the Congo which includes interviews with activists, physicians, victims and even rapists, will be seen Mon. May 9th at 6:30 p.m. Both events are in the Adult Reading Room, 902 Wesley Place, SW.

Arena Stage will present "Culture, Context and the Congo: A Panel Discussion Series on *Ruined* on select Fridays following the evening performance of the play (Apr. 29, May 6, May 13, May 20, May 27, June 3). Topics will include women's rights and immigration as well as language, story-

WANT TO GO?

WHAT: *Ruined* by Lynn Nottage

WHERE: At the Fichandler at Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater, 1101 6th St., SW

WHEN: April 22, 2011 – June 5, 2011
Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m.

COST: Tickets start at \$55 plus applicable fees.

Southwest Night—Sunday, May 29, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. when Southwest DC neighbors can buy tickets for \$25 plus applicable fees.

Panels and Salon events are free and open to the public but require reservations by calling the Arena Stage Sales Office at 202-488-3300.

INFORMATION: To purchase tickets or for more information on discounts, check online at www.arenastage.org, by phone at 202-488-3300 or at the Sales Office at 1101 6th St., SW.

telling and costumes for this production.

Some of the planned speakers include Judith the Registre (Outreach and Development Director for Women for Women International) and Karen Stauss (Program Director with Free the Slaves) as well as Joe Salasovich (Arena Stage Costume Director) and Kim J. Bey (Dialect Coach for *Ruined* at Arena Stage).

Other events include Black Professionals Night on May 18, which will be followed by a panel discussion "Ethical Business Practices: American Businesses Working Positively with the Democratic Republic of Congo," with guest moderator Melvin P. Foote, President and CEO of Constituency for Africa.

On Thursday, May 26, at Out at Arena, the panel discussion on "The Oppression of Gay People in Africa" will feature Maurice Carney, Executive Director of Friends of the Congo.

The *Ruined* Salon, a place for Arena Stage audiences to engage in and discuss the material presented onstage, will take place on Monday May 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fichandler Stage.

Trois Amis to Present "Moonlight" Musical Concert on May 4

The musical trio, Trois Amis (Three Friends) will present a concert, "Moonlight," with Anna C. de Groot, pianist, Tom Wheeler, French Horn, and Katharyn Wheeler, soprano, on Wednesday, May 4 at St. Augustine's Art & Spirit Coffeehouse. The free event, beginning at 7 p.m. is sponsored by St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW, and includes desserts and coffee. Among other songs, their program will include Robert Schumann's *Mondnacht*, from Liederkreis, op. 39, no. 5 and John Blackburn's and Karl Suessdorf's *Moonlight in Vermont*.

De Groot is a graduate of James Madison University where she received a Bachelors of Music in Piano Performance and is a private piano teacher and accompanist. She has taught piano at the Shenandoah Conservatory Arts Academy, as well as the Community Music School of the Piedmont.

Tom Wheeler, a native of Millersburg, Ohio, joined the US Navy Band in 2003. He studied French Horn at Indiana University. Wheeler has performed with the National Symphony Orchestra, the Fairfax Symphony, the Richmond (Indiana) Symphony, Canton Symphony, and the Ash-

land Symphony Orchestra. He is also a founding member of the Nova Brass Quintet, a Washington, D.C. based brass quintet.

Katharyn Wheeler, originally from Chicago, received a Bachelors of Music Education in Choral music from Indiana University. She spent three years teaching choir in Cincinnati. She is now the Administrative Assistant for Epiphany Lutheran Church in Dale City, Va. and sings with The Metropolitan Chorus. Her choral career has given her an opportunity to sing at Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center, and record *Magical Musicals* with the Cincinnati Pops directed by the late Erich Kunzel.

The Southwest Episcopal Church's Art & Spirit Coffeehouse series opens on the first Wednesday of each month to showcase local artists in their various media as they perform and share how their faith, art and social worldview intersect, according to the Rev. Martha Clark, Priest-in-Charge at St. Augustine's. Donations will be accepted to help provide honoraria for the guest artists.

Contact rector@staugustinesdc.org, 202-554-3222 or visit www.staugustinesdc.org for further information.

Education and Schools

Southwest Residents Criticize Cuts to Amidon-Bowen in Proposed Budget

By Meg Brinkman

Ever Brooks and Melissa Rohan, representing Near SE/SW Parents and Neighbors for Education Excellence Now!, testified before the D.C. Council Committee of the Whole on April 11 regarding the proposed 20% budget cut that would derail plans to make a much-needed reconstitution of Amidon-Bowen Elementary School. DC Public Schools (DCPS) justified the cut as an effort to equalize funding levels between schools.

Brooks and Rohan's testimony was well received by Council Chair Kwame Brown and Councilman Tommy Wells who have been working closely, along with staff members, with the Education Excellence Now group since its founding. Wells commented that school turn-arounds throughout Ward 6 had been the result of parental organizing and involvement similar to the efforts underway in Southwest.

Amidon had not measured up to the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) before it became the receiving school when Bowen Elementary was closed in 2008. Amidon-Bowen Elementary School continues to have AYP challenges. As of the Spring 2010 testing mandated by No Child Left Behind (NCLB), fewer than 30% of student were rated proficient in math or reading. While substantial improvement is expected this year, if Amidon-Bowen does not make AYP or "Safe Harbor" defined as a 10% improvement within a sub-group the school would be in position for restructuring based on the NCLB Federal Law. Five years of missed AYP means the school district must initiate plans for restructuring the school which may include reopening the school as a charter school,

replacing all or most of the school staff or turning over school operations either to the state or to a private company with a demonstrated record of effectiveness.

Under the proposed budget cut, which is among the highest of any DCPS elementary school, Amidon-Bowen will lose a number of teaching positions, two social workers, classroom aids and possibly the DC Start Clinician who works with children with mental-health needs and their families. The effect of the cut is especially deep because DCPS already eliminated supports provided to the school in order to address issues related to combining Bowen and Amidon in 2008.

The 20% cut, which amounts to a \$700,000 cut in the proposed budget for Amidon-Bowen Elementary, severely limits the options for Principal LaShante Knight who has proposed implementing a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program that would help distinguish Amidon-Bowen from other Ward 6 elementary schools and would help Amidon-Bowen Elementary fit into Jefferson Middle School's new International Baccalaureate Program.

In addition, a major effort to increase and improve early childhood education at Amidon-Bowen will be stymied. DCPS expects the Southwest school population to grow by 34% by 2015.

The spokespersons Education Excellence Now point to the need to give school leadership the funds to complete a full reconstitution of the school program. This reconstitution may include staff changes, curriculum reorganization, teacher training and support to work with the behavioral issues that impede individual and overall academic progress. The \$500,000 seven-point program that supports a full Restructuring/Reconstitution plan

for Amidon-Bowen includes the following elements

- A Science, Technology, Engineering and Math teacher to build a framework for Effective STEM education and related materials and field trip costs.

- A Library Media Specialist to develop a fully functioning library to support instructional technology.

- Behavioral Support Staff: A full-time, clinically-trained counselor to implement evidence-based school climate and behavioral improvements and to work one-on-one with troubled students.

- Instructional Coaches to support teach-

ers (raising the proposed budgeted number to two).

- A Special-Education Coordinator to address the needs of 40 special education students and assure compliance with law and regulatory standards.

- Extended Day Funding to support after-school extension of school day and Saturday program for students in grades 3-5.

- Materials and training to support administrative costs, summer professional development training and programs like school-wide character development, responsive classroom and playworks peaceful playground.

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DCOP's Maryland Avenue Southwest Plan

NCPC's Southwest Ecodistrict

Religion and Spirituality

Thurgood Marshall Festival Planned for May 15 at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church

By Thelma Jones

St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, the parish where Thurgood Marshall and his family worshipped during his years on the Supreme Court, is hosting its annual Thurgood Marshall Celebration on Sunday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m. Southwest resident Joslyn Williams, President, Washington, DC, AFL-CIO will deliver the homily while reflecting on the life and legacy of Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first African American Supreme Court Justice.

Marshall and his family lived in Southwest. His widow Cecilia “Cissy” Marshall still attends the church and has enjoyed a number of leadership roles, including vestry member and Altar Guild Chair. A luncheon will follow in the undercroft and a guest speaker will further reflect on Marshall’s life and legacy. An exhibit chronicling various aspects of Thurgood Marshall’s life will also be on display. Mrs. Marshall is scheduled to attend the service and luncheon along with members of her family.

Rev. C. L. Brown Installed as New Pastor for Second Baptist Church Southwest

By Carrie S. Dorsey

The Second Baptist Church Southwest at First and M streets, SW, recently installed the Rev. C.L. Brown as its pastor.

Dr. John M. Alexander, Jr., Pastor of St. John United Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. delivered the installation message.

The church, whose history spans almost 86 years, called Rev. Brown after an 18-month search, following the retirement of The Rev. Dr. H. Joseph Franklin who served for 34 years as pastor.

A native of Bamberg, SC, Rev. Brown received his B.A. degree in Urban Planning from Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, N.Y. and his Master of Divinity degree in May 1982 from the then Howard University School of Religion, Washington, D.C.

The Rev. Brown has served as pastor of Mount Morris Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., Tabernacle Baptist Church in Harrisburg, Pa. and Youth Minister/Special Assistant to the Pastor and Assistant Pastor at the Providence Church of Washington, D.C.

He continues to be associated with various Baptist Ministers’ conferences and asso-



Rev. C. L. Brown

ciations, teaching and serving on various committees in leadership roles.

The Rev. Brown is a Charter Member of the Washington, D.C. affiliate of the National Leadership Commission on AIDS and his first book “They Just Didn’t Get It” was released in 2007.

The Rev. Brown and his wife, the former Shelia Sue Dickerson, reside in Prince George’s County, Md. They have one son, Chris.

May 17 Benefit Dinner in honor of Thurgood Marshall Commemorates Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education

By Elaine Graves

Civil rights activist and attorney Vernon E. Jordan Jr. is the keynote speaker for the Tuesday, May 17 celebratory dinner honoring the legacy of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and commemorating the anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, the landmark Supreme Court ruling secured in 1954 by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund lawyers led by Thurgood Marshall. The event is sponsored by St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M Street, SW, and begins with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$125 each, and proceeds from the event will support the outreach activities of St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church was the home parish of Justice Marshall during his years on the Supreme Court. His widow, Mrs. Cecilia Marshall, remains an active member of the parish.

The evening’s mistress of ceremonies will be veteran television news broadcaster Maureen Bunyan of ABC7/ WJLA-TV.

To purchase tickets and for sponsorship opportunities, contact Elaine Graves at 202-863-0256, or 202-246-0711 or respond via e-mail to egraves@hers.com.

Religious Calendar

Galilee A.M.E. Church

Worshipping at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M St. SW
(202) 258-6812
Rev. S. Isaiah Harvin
Sunday: 2 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle of the Assemblies of God

60 I St. SW
(202) 484-3184
Pastor Robert Carter
Sunday: 10:45 a.m.; Friday: Prayer and Bible Study: 8 p.m.

Carron Baptist Church

1354 First St., SW
(202) 484-3172
Pastor Lester W. Allen
Sunday: 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Noon Day Prayer, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Friendship Baptist Church

900 Delaware Ave. SW
(202) 488-7417
Rev. Dr. J. Michael Little, Pastor
Sunday: 9:30 A.M, Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship
Tuesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Service and Bible Study

Riverside Baptist Church

Seventh St. and Maine Avenue SW
(202) 554-4330
Pastor Michael Bledsoe
Sunday: 10 a.m. with Bible Study at 9 a.m.

St. Matthew’s Baptist Church

1105 New Jersey Ave. SE
(202) 488-7298
Rev. Dr. Maxwell M. Washington, Pastor
Sunday: 8 a.m. Sunday School; 9:05 a.m. Worship Service
Tuesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Second Baptist Church Southwest

1200 Canal Street SW
(Corner of First and M streets SW)
(202) 484-3112
Rev. C.L. Brown
Sunday: Church School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship: 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Each 3rd Sundays: Unity Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Second Union Baptist Church

1107 Delaware Ave. SW
(202) 484-7012
Rev. William Harrison, Pastor
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Worship

St. Dominic Catholic Parish

603 E St. SW
(202) 554-7863
Father Gregory Salomone, O.P.,
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m. (Spanish), and 5:15 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

14 M St. SE
(202) 488-1354
Fr. Richard Gaucanyco
Sunday: 8 a.m.
Mon. and Fri.: 12:10 p.m.

St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church

600 M St. SW
(202) 554-3222
Rev. Martha Clark
marthakclark@yahoo.com
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church

Worshipping at First Trinity Lutheran Church, 501 Fourth St. NW at Judiciary Square
(410) 375-5053 (cell)
Pastor Phillip Huber
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Sing & Rejoice
Thursday: 6 p.m.: Bread and Soup, 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer

Christ United Methodist Church

900 Fourth St. SW
(202) 554-9117
Rev. Adrienne Terry
Sunday: 10 a.m.
Thursday: 12 noon & 6:30 p.m., Bible Study

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FOS MEETING

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ties was support for youth: through scholarships, development and performance of theater projects, activities at the SW Community Day, and learning about music and musical instruments. Support to The Pearl Coalition funded film and archival projects.

Friends of Southwest DC, formerly River Park Friends, was founded in 1998. A 501(c)(3) organization, its mission is to support community development, educational, and charitable projects. The grants program comprises 95% or more of the income; administrative costs are less than five percent, largely because of the volunteer efforts and contributions of board members.

FOS is now a member of the Center for Nonprofit Advancement and will take advantage of opportunities for courses and other benefits. The organization will also improve outreach efforts in the community – by attending more functions (such as festivals and local meetings) and accepting requests for presentations and partnering with neighbors and neighborhood resident associations. The various recommendations made at the annual meeting will be considered by the board, including a more colorful and eye-catching brochure, a banner, a website, and, perhaps, the ability to accept donations by credit cards. Rodney Ross joined the nine-member Board and Preston Amos rotated off at this meeting.

FOS looks forward to a year of increased visibility, activities, and awards.

To make suggestions, to make a tax-deductible donation, or to apply for a grant contact Coralie Farlee, President, Friends of Southwest DC, 389 O Street SW, Washington, DC 20024; 202-554-4407; or FriendsSWDC@yahoo.com.

Sports and Education

What's New at Nationals Park

While the preservation of baseball's history and traditions have made the game America's national pastime, there's little doubt that creative promotional elements and cutting edge technologies are especially influential when it comes to enhancing the fan experience in today's ballparks.

Washington Nationals fans, for instance, can expect to see a brand new look and a whole new attitude at Nationals Park in 2011. From exciting new food offerings and player uniforms to technological innovations and customer service initiatives, the ballclub has revitalized Nationals Park to create an even better experience for fans of all ages.

With the new season in full swing, fans will immediately notice some exciting changes as soon as they enter Nationals Park. The ballpark now prominently features the Curly "W" which has served as the symbol for the national pastime in the nation's capital since the 1960's. The logo is featured on signage throughout the park as well as on the new uniforms, which compliment the young and energetic players on the team.

Updates are also reflected on the outside of Nationals Park, as a new public art project appro-

priately titled "Floating Baseballs" was installed last winter to welcome fans. This new artwork features 30 stainless steel baseballs that depict the trajectory of a curving fastball and can be found outside the parking garages that flank the Center Field gates. The art also reflects city views by day and provides an ever changing colorful light show by night.

Also new to the ballpark are plenty of creative and unique food options. Earlier this spring, the Nationals announced their partnership with world-renowned restaurateur Danny Meyer and his Union Square Hospitality Group to bring fans an array of culinary offerings at the Miller Lite Scoreboard Walk. Due to open in late spring 2011, these new options include Blue Smoke, which will offer real pit barbeque; Box Frites, which will feature Belgian-style frites and dipping sauces; El Verano Taqueria, which will sell authentic Mexican food and flavors; and the popular Shake Shack, where fans can enjoy "roadside" burgers, hot dogs and frozen custard.

In addition to these various enhancements to Nationals Park, the team has incorporated new and innovative technologies to improve the overall fan experience. The team recently re-

launched the Red Carpet Rewards Program as the first online loyalty program for season ticket holders in Major League Baseball. Through this revolutionary online platform, users can access, track, share and redeem loyalty points for additional Nationals tickets and parking. The ballclub is also employing new technology to make the ballpark a safer place for all fans, as guests will now be able to discreetly alert ballpark officials to unruly behavior or security issues through the new Nationals Fan Support Line. By texting "SUPPORT" along with a brief description of the issue and its location to 91347, fans can contact officials who will then respond directly to those in need of assistance.

In an effort to keep Nationals games an affordable experience, the team now features enhanced ticket offers at various price levels. Sold only on Sundays in previous seasons, the Harris Teeter Family Fun Pack—which starts at just \$14 and includes a hot dog, Coca-Cola or Dasani beverage and chips—is now available for games all weekend-long. For a relaxed and fun pregame atmosphere, the Club hosts Miller Lite Party Night every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. For \$20, fans get a Scoreboard Pavilion seat and a

free drink voucher for the Miller Lite Scoreboard Walk Bar (\$22 for prime games), where fans can purchase \$5 beers during the pregame happy hour that is available until the first pitch. Residents of the Southwest and near-Southeast neighborhoods, meanwhile, are eligible to purchase tickets at discounted prices all season long. For more information about neighborhood discounts visit nationals.com/neighborhood.

The Nationals have a lot to offer in 2011 and fans of all ages are invited to come out and enjoy all of the exciting new features in and around Nationals Park.

Neighborhood Day Postponed

Originally scheduled for April 16, Neighborhood Day at Nationals Park was postponed due to inclement weather. A new date has yet-to-be-determined; however unused tickets can be exchanged for any future game this season. Southwest and near-Southeast neighbors are encouraged to come out and support the Nationals all season long, as the team is proud to offer its neighbors the opportunity to purchase tickets at a special discounted price by visiting nationals.com/neighborhood.



Nationals fans file through Nationals Stadium meeting their favorite players at NatsFest on Mar. 30. Photo by Perry Klein

High School Sailing on the Washington Channel

DC Sail is gearing up for another busy summer on the Southwest Waterfront and according to Director Blair Overman, this particular season of high school sailing is really inspirational. DC Sail is a community-based nonprofit that operates out of the Southwest Waterfront and which strives to make sailing accessible to everyone in the D.C. metro area.

When Overman first joined DC Sail in March 2008, the high school team barely consisted of enough students to fill the boats, she said. In the past three years she says the amount of growth in the program has been incredible to witness. The program has brand new schools opening up club teams, and one school, Bishop O'Connell, has formed one of the first school-sponsored Varsity level sailing teams in the region.

DC Sail's mission is to promote and sustain affordable, educational, recreational and competitive sailing programs for all ages in a fun and safe environment. The program empowers its participants to develop self-respect and sportsmanship, foster teamwork, cultivate sailing skills and develop an appreciation for maritime-related activities.

"The kids are showing a great deal of dedication by coming down to the waterfront three days each week to train with our coaches," said

Prag Katta, DC Sail's high school coach.

One of DC Sail's most popular youth programs is the after-school racing team for high school students. This program runs from March-May and September-November each year. DC Sail hosts teams from many schools including Bishop O'Connell, Flint Hill, National Cathedral School, Potomac School, Walt Whitman, Washington International School and others.

"At the beginning of March, DC Sail had a great turnout for the first practice of the Spring high school sailing season," Katta said. "More than 55 students came out for Varsity and Junior Varsity including a solid core of talented sailors. In addition, a number of students chose to come out to race for the very first time."

The skill level of the sailors ranges from youth who have never sailed before to students who will move on in the Fall to sail competitively at some of the highest ranking Universities in the country, Overman said. For example, senior John Andril, a long-time student with our high school program from The Potomac School, will join Georgetown University's sailing team in the fall.

More information about DC Sail, including information about the upcoming regatta schedule, how to participate and support DC Sail, can be found at www.dcsail.org or by contacting Blair Overman at (202) 547-1250.

Making a Difference at Nationals Park

By Carrie Wood

While baseball fans may believe that the only employees of a ballclub are the men on the diamond, that's just not the case. At Nationals Park, many Washington Nationals employees are Southwest neighborhood residents who work diligently every home game, assisting and mingling with fans.

And they all have a story to tell.

Take, for example, James Smith, who has worked as a fixed guard for the last five years and currently serves as a captain. Applying for the job at Nationals Park was an easy choice for James.

"Well, I liked baseball, so I just decided to give it a shot," he said. "And lucky me, I got a job at the ballpark."

As a captain, James is a supervisor in charge of two teams of fixed guards. He trains his teams on the best ways to do their jobs, such as how to interact with fans properly, as well as giving directions and information to patrons.

James said that one of his best experiences while working for the Nationals came when a

school for children with special needs came out to the ballpark on a field trip.

"It just so happened that I was lucky enough to draw the assignment," he said. "I had a blast. They were such wonderful kids. They were great—they sang songs for me and everything."

According to James, a job at Nationals Park is one that requires a special type of person.

"They have great trainers and a great staff here," he said. "To succeed at Nationals Park, you have to have the right attitude and the right enthusiasm and energy to be able to deal with our fans. You can't be fazed by the little things that go around in our ballpark. You have to be knowledgeable. If you love baseball, you should definitely come and apply."

Yet despite the incredible amount of energy that goes into working at the ballpark, the payoff is worth it.

"The atmosphere, as far as the interaction with everyone here, has been great. A lot of celebrities and sports figures come through here too, so that makes the job interesting," James said.



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